

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, March 31, 2025 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Flag salute.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Shultz. Seconded Jan Lembright.

Dave Rib gave his goodbye from the LVEDA Board, LVEDA, and Lucerne Valley as he retires and moves to Tucson, AZ. Here for 20 years. LV wonderful for him.

Treasurer report. 2/24/25 Hat Collection = \$54 - \$20 to Moose \$34 Deposit on 1/28/25. Balance of \$4605.49

Jennifer Jackson of Sienna Solar with an update on the project. Notices about Planning Commission hearing on April 17 was an error and new notices for May 8 hearing will be sent out. They can organize a meeting through Chuck if people have questions.

Sheriff's Report Sgt. Joe Necocha jnecocha@sbcasd.org. 617 calls for service. 492 from dispatch and 125 created by deputies. 71 reports, 19 arrests. Stolen cars up again – 5 reports. Try to figure out who's out of jail and maybe stealing cars. Vacant residences and properties get hit the most. A complaint about calling in for crimes in progress 5-7 times but never getting an answer. Answer: down 8 deputies in the Victor Valley. How many deputies at our substation? 8 deputies, 2/shift. Don't try to defend your property against intruders. You'll go to jail for years. You may kill an animal that is attacking your animals. Get hold of the Sergeant any time on email shown above.

Senator Ochoa-Bogh. Emily Davalos. Just letting us know that they are available to help with state issues. There will be a town hall meeting in Barstow on Thursday. Available at 916-6514019.

Emily.Davalos@Sen.Ca.Gov We may need help with questions about classification of certain areas as high fire risk on what basis? Complaint about getting permission to burn from Cal Fire. Use this number: 909-3563805.

Animal Control. (Chuck) They will come out on emergency basis after hours.

Congressman Jay Obernolte. Corrine Mora (New representative). JO was in the district and met with community leaders. Rumors about Social Security – they are upgrading their systems and urging people to use online ID systems. Must have appointment to visit Social Security office. Corrine can help. Art competition for high school students. Deadline is last week in April. Issues with Cal Fire vs. county for burn permits – but not a federal issue.

County Fire, Battalion Chief John Miller, Battalion Chief of Southern Desert. 89 calls for service. 65 calls for medical aid, 12 fire-related. Some new equipment coming, including some to help deal with off-roaders. Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps. State Fire Marshal has maps online. State now shows entire state areas, including areas in local jurisdiction. Chuck: most of LV is "moderate" – some now "high". How do they determine the high risk areas? Many factors used, including history of fires, vegetation, fuel modeling, etc. Some could come from terrain features—steeper rocky terrain. SB County office is planning to roll out a plan to communities, to meet with everyone to explain what impact it has on each of us. www.OSFM.fire.ca.gov is the website to visit. Re burn permits. As of February 21st, you can burn

depending on the day. South of highway 18/247, talk to Cal Fire, and go to local station. North of highway 18/247, call County. They record the permit and the call so they know who's burning where.

LVUSD. Report by Peter Livingston. Chelsea presented.

- Current enrollment is at 1,170 students (remaining steady).
- We will be continuing our comprehensive summer program with Apple Valley Parks and Recreation this summer for our students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade for June and 10 days in July. The program is an all-day program and students get breakfast, lunch, many activities throughout the day and opportunities to go swimming in their pool. Transportation is provided to and from the program from our Elementary School. The Elementary School will be doing a sign-up event for the program soon. The cost is free for our families in LVUSD and funded through our Expanded Learning and Opportunities Plan money we get.
- Our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) survey is open for 2025-26. A link to the survey can be found on our website at www.lucernevalleyusd.org. An article with a link is at the bottom of the webpage in a news article called "LVUSD seeking input for LCAP for 2025-26."
- Our high school graduation will be on Thursday, May 22nd this year at 7 pm and will be held in Ron Peavy stadium outdoors.
- This summer our gas lines will be replaced at our High School through a grant with SoCal Gas. Last year we had this done at our Elementary.
- Scholarships starting at bank
- Basket project for Seniors still going on this year.

Museum Society. Tracks for engine are present but not in the correct spot yet. Will bring in a tractor and then fill with gravel.

Ryan Orr from **Big Bear Community Healthcare District** van. Waiting for CDPHD which has not given the final walkthrough yet. Most insurances will be accepted. Will be able to handle VA covered benefits. It will be at the Crossroads Center in front of Dr. Melvani's office.

Waiting for Caltrans' response to 247/247 4-way stop pavement.

LV Chamber Angie Miller. Passed out Membership certificates.

Car show this weekend 10am -2pm at LVHS. Fireworks fundraiser. \$20 entry. Vendors, food trucks. Honorary Member candidates. Fundraiser for CofC. Candidate raising the most money for CofC wins. Irene Arbalo, Rose , Jeremy Smith. Each one gave a short statement.

Community Solar. Chuck Bell Working with the county to be sure that there would be enough subscribers. Must have 51% of eligible subscribers. Two applications that are being processed right now. If not enough subscribers, it could turn into just another small industrial solar project.

Community center upgrade. Chelsea. Working on Kitchen and electrical. Needs to be restaurant kitchen to produce cottage food license.

St. Mary Trauma Center is up and running and will save helicopter trips down the hill. Bringing in physicians from all over. Probably associated with Urgent Care center next door.

Bill Lembright: 1. Gas prices. Way too high here in LV. \$1.10 higher recently. Really need the local stations to get competitive. Gives LV a black eye. 2. Tourism. Lots coming through LV. King of the Hammers, Rocket shoots monthly. Lots of Off-road weekendening. 3. Marijuana grows eliminated in LV, by the Sheriff's Office after years of work, and by a miracle they brought about.

Indoor pool. Manuel Vela. Proposes an indoor pool for rehab and health purposes. Maybe locate it near the high school. Carmen Vela and Mitsubishi Natatorium. MVela360@yahoo.com. 909-5425561

Meeting adjourned 6:30